CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claim 19.

Please amend claims 1, 11-18, and 20-29 as follows below.

1. (Currently Amended) Electromotive drive comprising:

a housing~~, which has~~ having a shaft support, in which the shaft of a rotor is rotationally mounted;

a stator having drive windings, said stator being traversed and retained by the shaft support, whereby the stator is substantially retained in only a transversal direction by the shaft support and is connected with the remaining housing for transmission of torque in rotationally fixed manner; and

a base plate upon which the stator is arranged, said base plate being ~~designed~~ fastened to the housing and formed as a punched-out grid whereby transmission of a torque moment from the stator to motor housing occurs via the base plate fastened in the housing.

11. (Currently Amended) An electromotive drive comprising:

a housing having an upwardly extending shaft support;

a base plate ~~essentially rigidly~~ attached to the housing;

a stator ~~which essentially surrounds~~ surrounding the shaft support~~,~~ and said stator further being ~~essentially rigidly~~ attached to the base plate whereby torque transmission occurs from the stator to the housing ~~across~~ through the base plate;

a shaft rotatably arranged within the shaft support; and,

a rotor ~~essentially rigidly~~ attached to the shaft and ~~essentially~~ surrounding the stator~~; and~~

~~a coupling which couples the stator with the shaft support, said coupling being essentially incapable of transmitting torque therebetween~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~10~~ 11, further including a resilient member disposed ~~wherein a gap is formed~~ between an inner wall of the stator and an outer wall of the shaft support whereby a gap is created between the stator and the shaft support.

13. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~11~~ 12, ~~wherein the coupling includes~~ further including a viscous medium disposed in the gap.

14. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~11~~ 12, wherein the coupling includes grease material disposed in the gap.

15. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~11~~ 12, ~~wherein the coupling includes~~ further including at least one flexible element which ~~essentially~~ bridges the gap.

16. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~14~~ 15, wherein the at least one flexible element includes a vibration damping element.

17. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~14~~ 15, wherein:

grooves are provided in the outer wall of the shaft support; and,

the at least one flexible element includes an O-ring retained in said grooves.

18. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~10~~ 11, wherein the base plate includes torque coupling means disposed ~~essentially underneath~~ adjacent the base plate for torque coupling between the base plate and the housing.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Added) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim **17**, wherein the base plate further includes a punched-out grid.

21. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~19~~ 20, wherein the ~~means for~~ torque coupling means further includes at least one conductor tract of the punched-out grid.

22. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~20~~ 21, wherein the conductor tract additionally serves for establishing electrical contact between the housing and the stator.

23. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~21~~ 22, wherein the base plate further includes a plastic extrusion coating.

24. (Currently Amended) An electromotive drive comprising:

a housing;

~~having an upwardly extending~~

a shaft support extending from said housing;

a base plate ~~essentially rigidly~~ directly attached to the housing;

a stator ~~which essentially surrounds the shaft support, the stator and~~ spaced apart from the shaft support ~~together~~ defining a gap therebetween, the stator ~~further~~ being ~~essentially rigidly~~ directly attached to the base plate and not directly attached to the housing;

a shaft rotatably ~~arranged~~ disposed within the shaft support;

a rotor ~~essentially rigidly~~ attached ~~to~~ with the shaft ~~and essentially surrounding the stator~~; and

a ~~coupling which couples~~ resilient member disposed between the stator ~~with~~ and the shaft support~~, said coupling being essentially incapable of transmitting torque therebetween~~.

25. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~23~~ 24, wherein the ~~coupling~~ resilient member includes a viscous medium disposed in the gap.

26. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~23~~ 24, wherein the ~~coupling~~ resilient member includes at least one O-ring arranged in the gap.

27. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~23~~ 24, wherein the ~~coupling~~ resilient member includes a vibration damping means for damping vibrations of said stator.

28. (Currently Amended) A pump motor, ~~operant~~ operative in conjunction with a pump for a hydraulic system of a motor vehicle, the pump motor comprising:

a housing ~~having an upwardly extending~~ including an elongate shaft support;

~~a base plate essentially rigidly attached to the housing;~~

a stator ~~essentially rigidly attached to the base plate and essentially~~ surrounding the shaft support;

a base plate connecting the stator with the housing to provide dampening between the stator and the housing;

a shaft ~~rotatably arranged in~~ rotatable within the shaft support;

a rotor ~~essentially rigidly~~ attached ~~to~~ with the shaft ~~and essentially surrounding the stator~~; and

a flexible coupling disposed between the stator and the shaft support~~, said coupling being flexible and essentially non-rigid~~.

29. (Currently Amended) The pump motor as set forth in claim ~~27~~ 28, wherein:

the stator and the shaft support together define a gap therebetween; and

the coupling is disposed within the gap.